SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 30, as follows:

As illustrated, in step 402, a value for the variable CurrentTime is determined by adding the present time-of-day to a processing time. The processing time is an *a priori* determined period that includes the time for the APC hardware to run procedure [[DA]]308 including loading and executing the playlist on the target automation server. Thus, CurrentTime is the time at which the command from the automation server associated with the modified playlist will ultimately reach the AV source. Following this, also in step 402, the variable NewOnAirTime is initialized to the value of CurrentTime.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 9, as follows:

Under normal operating conditions, one of AV subsystems 500 and 502 is chosen by onair management computer 5[[1]]20 as the on-air source for both the East-coast feed and the West-coast feed, and the other is used as a hot standby. In such a configuration, both AV subsystems typically run copies of the same playlist that is sourced to it by an automated playlist chaser running on management computer 5[[1]]20. For example, if AV subsystem A 500 is chosen as the on-air source, then each of West-coast selector 504 and East-coast selector 506 is configured to pass the feed from AV subsystem A 500 to its output and ignore the feed from AV subsystem B 502. AV subsystem A 500 is thus the source of the East-coast feed and the input to West-coast delay unit 512. Again, under normal operating conditions, West-coast delay unit 512 delays its AV feed input (nominally by three hours), and its output is selected by West-coast delay/bypass selector 514 as West-coast feed 516. If a failure occurs in the on-air AV subsystem (e.g., subsystem A 500), both selectors 504 and 506 are switched to standby AV subsystem B 502, the failed subsystem is recovered, and the APC is invoked to create, load, and execute a new playlist for the now-recovered subsystem.